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HAIR CONTI, TARDELLI

How the coaches saw it

"We were shaken by the penalty miss. It wasn't only the player but the whole team," said Italian team manager Enzo Bearzot after the final. "But the whole team gathered around (Antonio) Cabrini in the interval and cheered him up. They all vowed to come back in the second half with determination and the drive to win, and did."

Bearzot said there was no question that "moral and psychological unity" of the team was the key factor in Italy's triumph.

"It is the spirit of a team, of a compact of players, that has even prevailed over our weakness as Latins. When you make such a miss in such a big game you feel the pressure and we've overcome it," he said.

West German coach Jupp Derwall said he spent the interval arguing with veteran defender Uli Stielike.

"He insisted that I move him out in front in the second half to give greater drive to our midfield. When I made the first change in the line up, he protested visibly and kept on shouting for the whole second half," Derwall said. He had taken out midfielder Wolf-



Jupp Derwall
gang Dremmler and sent in forward Horst Hrubesch.



Enzo Bearzot
strongest teams in the world," he said.

Bearzot said this was "obviously the happiest day in my life. I love soccer, it is my life. But I am happy in this first place for the players, who have kept on coming despite the criticism and the ugly things that have been said about them."

He said the key to the team's performance was its 2-1 victory over Argentina in the second round.

"That started a round of games against all the leading teams in the Cup. We beat them all clearly. We deserved our wins, and we played well, scoring plenty of goals," Bearzot said. "That was perhaps the most difficult game for us, because then we started building our confidence."



Antonio Cabrini (left) and Claudio Gentile celebrate Italy's triumph. The man on the ground is Alessandro Altobelli, scorer of the third goal.

U.S. WANTS 1990 CUP

The U.S. Soccer Federation has applied to host the 1990 World Cup finals.

Delegates to the FIFA congress also were considering the possibility of the United States applying to run the 1990 World Cup if Colombia, the designated host nation, withdraws.

FIFA delegates and officials and newsmen covering the World Cup during the past month have suggested the task might be too much for a small country like Colombia.

The United States may have to compete for the 1990 finals against the Soviet Union, which is also said to be interested in acting as host.

The Colombian Football Association last week asked West Germany's Hermann Neuberger to accept appointment as head of the 1986 organising committee.

Neuberger has been in charge of all World Cup organisations since 1974.

Willie Wallace quits



APIA-Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace (pictured, left) resigned on Sunday night after being harassed by spectators who were angry over APIA's 0-2 loss to Sydney Olympic at Lambert Park.

Ken Morton, meanwhile, claims he has been sacked by Wollongong. His story appears on page 8.

APIA chairman Nick Papalio said Wallace's resignation had been accepted with regret.

Former Australian captain Peter Wilson has accepted the coaching position until the end of the season.

Wallace was booted at Lambert Park in a disgraceful display by about 50 club supporters outside the dressing rooms and police provided him with an escort out of the ground.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

ITALY 3 (Rossi 56th, Tardelli 69th, Altobelli 80th) WEST GERMANY 1 (Breitner 82nd) at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid. Crowd about 90,000. Referee: Arnaldo Coelho (Brazil) 6.

ITALY: Zoff 0 - Scirea 0 - Bergomi 8, Calciolari 8, Gentile 8, Cabrini 7 - Conti 9, Tardelli 9, Orioli 8 - Rossi 7, Graziani (Int. 7th. min. sub. Altobelli 7, sub. Causio 80th).

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher 7 - Stielike 8 - Kaltz 7, K. H. Foerster 8, B. Foerster 8, Dremmler 8 (Hrubesch 67th), Breitner 8 - Briegel 6 - Rummenigge 5 (H. Mueller 70th), Fischer 7, Littbarski 5.

Cautions: Conti, Dremmler, Orioli, Stielike, Littbarski. West Germany, which had relied so heavily on its clinical tactical acumen, was outmanoeuvred on the drawing board by Enzo Bearzot and on the field by Bruno Conti and Marco Tardelli.

Italy, as a result, won its third World Cup.

No other result would have proved as conclusively who deserves to be master of the world, for Italy had beaten the other triple champion, Brazil, along the way.

Bearzot's approach was simple but effective.

To counter West Germany's careful build-up play aimed at creating a numerical advantage in attack before the strike at goal, Bearzot had five men in defensive positions. Get through that lot, he taunted. The Germans found it beyond them, as the scoreline shows. Not that the five star attack all the time. Sweeper Gaetano Scirea stormed forward relentlessly as he had in previous games, managing to set up Tardelli's goal in the process. Antonio Cabrini also contributed to the attack, although he would have been so much more valuable to his team had he not missed a penalty in the 25th minute.

Bearzot's offensive play was based mainly on the running power of Bruno Conti, deep on the right. Conti was to exploit the vagrancy of Hans-Peter Briegel, a man with too much emotionalism in this game to adhere to a defensive task after having had the freedom of midfield play in earlier matches.

The Foerster brothers — the unsung heroes of this German team — were the marksmen for Conti's attack, which was known to all the world.

Briegel couldn't do it, perhaps because he lost his concentration by having that early penalty awarded against him over a foul on Conti.

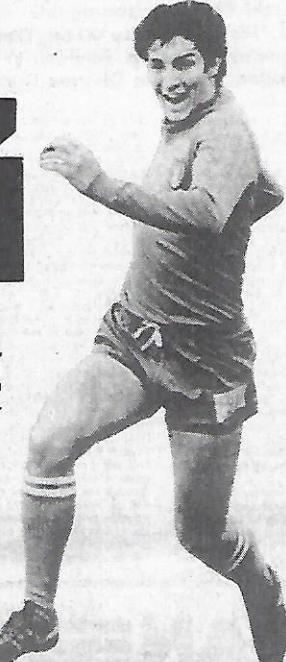
So Conti controlled the right side, especially in breaks after Italy had gone to a 1-0 lead through Rossi's courageous close-range header in the 56th minute.

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Marco Tardelli

Rossi wins two prizes



Italy's Paolo Rossi (left) carried off the two major individual awards at the 1982 World Cup finals.

Rossi, the inspiration of an Italian team, took his prizes as player of the tournament and top scorer.

Journalists voted him man of the finals for which he received the \$3,920 Golden Ball Trophy, while his six goals earned him the Golden Shoe Trophy worth \$3,628 from the sportswear firm sponsors.

Both awards also went to one player, Argentine's Mario Kempes, in the previous finals in 1978.

"You can now call him 'Pabito' again," said Giovani Trapattoni, Rossi's coach with Juventus of Turin. Rossi was given the Spanish nickname after becoming the big sensation of the 1978 cup in Argentina. He always had said it would take him a long time after his comeback to deserve that name again.

But it did not. Decisive goals scored by Rossi against Brazil, Poland and West Germany carried Italy to its third cup win and proved that the star was still there, right where he belonged.

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Farewell, fabulous France

WEST GERMANY 3 (Littbarski 17th, Rummennigge 102nd, Fischer 108th) FRANCE 3 (Platini penalty 27th, Tresor 92nd, Giresse 99th) after extra time in Seville. West Germany won 5-4 on penalties. Referee: Charles Corver (Holland) 2.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher 8 — Klotz 8, Stielike 6, Karl-Heinz Forster 8, Bernd Forster 7 — Dremmler 7, Breitner 7, Briegel 8 (inj. Rummennigge 98th), Magath 6 (Inj. Fischer 3rd 71) — Fischer 7, Littbarski 8.
FRANCE: Ettori 8 — Bousis 8, Jenvion 8, Tresor 9, Amoros 8 — Tigrane 9, Platini 8, Giresse 8, Gomis 6 (Battiston 60th 70), Lopez 83rd 8 — Rocheteau 7, Stu 7.

France was robbed at the end of probably the greatest game in World Cup history.

To end this epic battle with a penalty showdown was criminal.

The loser was not only fabulous France but also the officials in charge who lost whatever respect they had earned earlier in the tournament.

How referee Charles Corver from Holland and linesman Bob Valentine from Scotland and Switzerland's Bruno Coller couldn't see West German keeper Harald Schumacher move early and save a crucial penalty almost is beyond belief.

Earlier, Schumacher blatantly charged into French substitute Patrick Battiston inside the German area.

Captain Karl-Heinz Rummennigge was the inspiration. Coming on in the fifth minute of extra time with France leading 2-1 he was on the field for only three minutes before German defender down and out at 3-1. Then Rummennigge and his countrymen made their move. Stielike to Littbarski to Rummennigge and it was 3-2. Six minutes later Horst Hrubesch headed down at the far post and Klaus Fischer levelled with a spectacular overhead volley.

The tentative prod and thrust which usually besets the opening of so grand an occasion was missing. The Germans set about pinning the French inside their defensive half and it came as no surprise when captain Breitner urged Fischer with the middle and set-up Fischer with 17 minutes gone. French goalkeeper Jean-Luc Ettori was quickly off his line to smother but was helpless as Pierre Littbarski pounced on



West German captain Karl-Heinz Rummennigge (right) scores his country's second goal against France. Gerard Janvion just fails to stop the ball which sails past spread-eagled French keeper Jean-Luc Ettori (No. 22).

the rebound to smash home a fine low drive from 18 metres.

France though, never was thrown out of its delightful interlapping stride.

While it's unkind to label this exhilarating confrontation as a battle of brain and brawn certainly the physical superiority of the Germans proved crucial in the final analysis.

Hans-Peter Briegel ran himself into the ground. This former decathlete was bedridden the day before the match with a stomach virus but he typified the German spirit by running till he almost dropped.

Against the Germans never-say-again attitude stood flamboyant France, weaving a series of intricate patterns upfield, never stifling the abundant flair of Platini, Giresse, Tigrane, Tresor, Rocheteau and Didier Six.

It was rewarded for its skill by an excellent refereeing decision in the 27th minute. A

free kick on the left was cleverly chipped into the German area where Platini rose to head down. As Dominique Rocheteau prepared to swivel around and strike at goal he was dragged back by strongman defender Karl-Heinz Forster and referee Corver immediately pointed to the penalty spot.

Captain Platini sent Schumacher the wrong way to make it 1-1.

The remainder of normal time became a series of smooth flowing football, near misses after near misses and crisis after crisis.

With one minute left Manuel Amoros from the A. S. Monaco club charged upfield from his left back position.

Once in range of the German goal he unleashed a ferocious dipping 22 metre shot which sent the ball cannoning onto the underside of the German crossbar and out to safety. Little Littbarski had suffered a similar fate with a shot way

back in the 15th minute so perhaps it was just that Amoros failed by centimetres to put France into the final.

Players sank to their knees with exhaustion at the end of normal time. They had given almost their all in temperatures reaching 84 degrees Fahrenheit. They also had produced the most magnificent spectacle and made this game a permanent part of every well documented book on the great game of World Cup football.

The crowd, already drunk with the excesses of excellence settled into their seats to watch extra time. They were not disappointed.

Big, black French sweeper Marius Tresor sent the crowd with delight when he put the French 2-1 up in the second minute of extra time. Giresse took a free kick on the right, near the by-line. Breitner was part of the German two man wall which confronted the little French midfield

maestro. Breitner's head flicked the ball and slightly deflected it but not enough. There was Tresor, strangely unmarked in the middle of the German six yard box. He expertly volleyed into the roof of goal past a startled Schumacher.

Seven minutes later for all intents and purposes France reached the final.

Didier Six found room on the left of the German area. He held possession until Giresse supported him then plied the ball into the path of his team mate. Giresse didn't let six down and thundered the ball off the near post from the edge of the area.

Rummennigge just had come on and now his presence told. He played deep, but always got forward quickly, linking up well with Fischer and Littbarski.

Uli Stielike, in a rare sorte into the French half, gained possession just outside the French area. He played the ball wide to Littbarski on the left of the area and new wonder boy of Germany crossed low to the near post where Rummennigge stuck out a foot and slipped the ball in. French defender Janvion was desperately unlucky not to get a vital touch. He was right at Rummennigge's back but couldn't stop the German captain from slipping the ball past Ettori.

Were the Germans going to stage a truly remarkable fight-back?

The French were adopting kamikaze tactics at the back. They had no idea of how to shut out the rampant Germans.

Some of the French play insisted their defensive third was hair raising. They actually tried to dribble their way out of trouble at times and even though they were flirting with danger it still seemed likely that they would survive.

Until a magic moment in the 108th minute. Littbarski got room down the left wing and he curled a tantalising far post cross. Ettori stayed in goal, big Hrubesch headed down and Fischer did the rest with his well rehearsed bicycle kick.

It's that man Rossi once more

ITALY 2 (Rossi 22nd, 73rd) POLAND 0 in Barcelona. Referee: Juan Cardellino (Uruguay) 7.

ITALY: Zoff 8 — Tardelli 7, Bergomi 7, Scirea 8, Cabrin 6, Orsi 7, Colombo 6, Scirea 6 (inj. Battiston 72nd 71) — Rossi 9, Antognoni 8 (inj. Massaro 28th 71), Conti 7.

POLAND: Mlynarczyk 7 — Ozub 7, Janas 8, Zimola 7, Majewski 6, Kupczynski 6, Gomis 4 (inj. M.T. 4), Matysik 6, Kupczynski 7 — Lato 5, Smolarek 4 (Kusto 70th 4).

That man Paolo Rossi again! What a sensation he's been in the later stages of a magnificent Mundial Espana '82.

You just can't satisfy this legend, the striker's thirst for goals.

It must be said though that Polish manager Antoni Plechaczek made a mess of the stability which had carried this fine Polish outfit to such dizzy heights.

Andrzej Buncul has not been bettered in this tournament as a left sided midfielder. Why oh why did Plechaczek play Buncul on the right of his midfield quartet?

And when you work that one out ask yourself why right sided midfielder Janusz Kupczynski suddenly appeared on Poland's left.

Grzegorz Lato, equaling Kazimierz Deyna's record of 102 caps, was give little support up front. Lato always has looked better coming forward from deep but this wasn't his role against the Italians. Rather he and Wlodzimierz Smolarek were the front-runners so often starved of the ball.

The Poles were badly missing the invention and shooting skills of the suspended Zbigniew Boniek and never looked like taking command.

Their frustration started to show in some crude fouling

and Molawski Smolarek and

Eighteen year old Giuseppe Bergomi made his World Cup debut for Italy here and did well.

Bergomi, nicknamed "Auntie" by his club team-mates at Internazionale because of his cool head and maturity, came into the defence to replace Andriu Grzelle, suspended for two bookings received during Italy's second round victories over Argentina and Brazil.

Bergomi, 22 years younger than the man behind him in goal, captain Dino Zoff, came on as substitute against Brazil and impressed manager Enzo Bearzot with his impeccable marking.

Italy made most of the early running with the Poles operating counter-attacks.

In ten minutes Poland could have taken the lead when Kupczewski managed to pierce the tight-marking Italian defence. But his finishing shot was weak and gave Zoff no problems.

After 22 minutes, Rossi opened the scoring. The Juventus front runner was left unmarked as Antognoni took a free kick from just outside the penalty area, and he stabbed the ball home from point-blank range.

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Giancarlo Antognoni relaxes by the pool of his team's hotel with an ice pack on a foot injury sustained against Poland. He was unable to play in the final.

Zmuda were cautioned by Uruguayan referee Juan Cardellino, Italian defender Collovati also was shown the yellow card.

Rossi struck again in the 72nd minute and it was a goal to remember.

Substitute Alessandro Altobelli fed Conti on the left and when the winger's perfectly flighted cross arrived at the far post, Rossi stopped to conquer, heading the ball home almost on his hands and knees.

People flocked out into the streets of Rome immediately after Italy's win.

Carloads of flag-waving fans blaring circled the Vatican, where Polish-born Pope John Paul had watched his native country's team fall.

And gloom reigned at the Polish Ecclesiastical College

where a contingent of Polish bishops in town to see the Pope, also had followed the match.

Within half an hour of the final whistle the centre of Rome was in complete chaos. The old streets were choked with celebrating fans dancing in fountains and pouring through the streets in noisy merriment.

"Has there been a revolution?" asked a bemused American tourist watching scenes of unrestrained joy at the Trevi Fountain.

The victory even seemed to have given extra time to the crisis-threatened government of Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini. He went to Madrid for the final — and politicians breathed a sigh of relief, knowing the coalition would survive the weekend.

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Poland finishes third, France not interested

POLAND 3 (Szarmach 40th, Majewski 44th, Kupcewicz 46th) FRANCE 2 (Girard 12th, Couriol 72nd) at Alicante. Referee Antonio Garrido (Portugal).

FRANCE — Castaneda 6, Arnaud 1 (penalty 4th), Girard 7, Larios 8, Tigrane 8, (56th 82), Couriol 8, Soler 6, Bellone 6.

POLAND — Mlynarczyk 7, Dabrowski 2, Szarzak 7, Majewski 8, Kupcewicz 8, Bannister 8, Myslak 7 (Walicki 6 45), Leto 8, Bonier 7, Szarmach 6.

French manager Michel Hidalgo made seven changes to the side, chosing only four of the players who took part in Thursday's dramatic semi-final against West Germany in Seville, where France lost on penalties.

The French were hit by injuries and sheer exhaustion, but Hidalgo said his line-up was also aimed at giving game to every player who had not yet taken part in the finale.

Only third-choice goalkeeper Dominique Bafarelli did not play.

Hidalgo made it clear neither he nor the team were particularly interested in playing for third place. He told reporters the losing semi-finalists should be declared equal third.

Poland had star striker Zbigniew Boniek back after missing the 2-0 semi-final defeat by Italy through suspension.

But it was without Włodzimierz Smolarek, who had been suspended after receiving two yellow cards.

Poland hit three goals in a

six-minute spell to beat France 3-2 to take third place.

For the Poles, it was a repeat of the 1974 finals in Munich, when they also finished in the number three spot behind West Germany and Holland.

There were gaps all over the terracing in the Rico Perez Stadium in this Mediterranean resort but at least 25,000 people, many of them curious holidaymakers, enjoyed a lively game in a holiday atmosphere.

Even with seven changes from the semi-final line-up, the French dominated the match for all but six vital minutes just before and after halftime.

It was one of the newcomers, René Girard of Bordeaux, who put France in front in the 12th minute with a shot which went in off the post.

The French, with Jean Tigana and Jean-François Larios sewing up the midfield, looked well on top until the 40th minute when Andrzej Smarzach equalised, also via a goalpost.

In the last minute of the first half, Stefan Majewski rose to head solidly home from a corner and put the Poles unexpectedly in front at the interval.

A minute after the break, Janusz Kupcewicz, taking a free kick on the left, noticed French goalkeeper Jean Castaneda out of position and curled the ball low just inside the unguarded near post to make it 3-1.

Alain Couriol, like Castaneda having his first match in the finals, got a nice souvenir when he ran on to a neat chip from Tigana to slip

the ball past Mlynarczyk and make it 3-2.

The Poles were clearly delighted with their third place, won in such economical style, while the French did not look too put out by their defeat.

When the French players walked to the centre of the pitch to wave to the crowd, they received rousing cheer for the stylish football they had produced during their last few World Cup games.

ALL THE FINALS

All World Cup finals:

1930 (in Uruguay): Uruguay 4 (Dorado, Ces, Irarite, Castro) Argentina 2 (Peucelle, Stabilo).

1934 (in Italy): Italy 2 (Schiaffo, Orsi) Czechoslovakia 1 (Puc).

1938 (in France): Italy 4 (Colussi 2, Pio 2) Hungary 2 (Tito, Kovac, Szabolcs).

1950 (in Brazil): Uruguay 2 (Schiaffo, Ghiglio) Brazil 1 (Fria-

ca).

1954 (in Switzerland): West Germany 3 (Rahn 2, Morlock) Hungary 2 (Puskas, Czibor).

1958 (in Sweden): Brazil 5 (Vava 2, Pele 2, Zagalo) Sweden 2 (Liedholm, Simonsson).

1962 (in Chile): Brazil 3 (Amarildo, Zito, Vava) Czechoslovakia 1 (Masopust).

1966 (in England): England 4 (Hurst 3, Peters), West Germany 2 (Haller, Weber) a.e.t.

1970 (in Mexico): Brazil 4 (Pele, Gerson, Jairzinho, Carlos, Alberto) Italy (Boninsegna).

1974 (in West Germany): West Germany 2 (Bretner pen, Mueller) Holland 1 (Neeskens pen).

1978 (in Argentina): Argentina 3 (Kempes 2, Bertoni) Holland 1 (Nanninga) a.e.t.

1982 (in Spain): Italy 3 (Rossi, Tardelli, Altobelli) West Germany 1 (Bretner).



Bruno Conti (left), best player of the World Cup final, pursues German's star defender Karl-Heinz Foerster.

Gentile, Bergomi win key battles

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And Tardelli gave him all the help he needed. He was a thunderbolt, searing a path of destruction through the middle of the German team. Whereas his counterpart, Paul Breitner, played it thoughtfully and slowly, Tardelli sliced between defence and attack like a switchblade.

Here was another stark contrast in style.

Italy's passing, even when it involved three or four triangle movements on end, was fast, crisp and always accurate and its moves out of defence were decisive. Everything was done with one man, but with several.

He also credited Italy with expert marking of particularly dangerous opponents, including West German striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who was shut off in the final match by Giuseppe Bergomi.

"Rummenigge may not have been in perfect shape, and for such close marking as was evident in this match, you have to be," he said.

They're rich!

World Cup victory was worth at least \$83,700 to each Italian, while sponsorship and advertising fees boosted the top players' earnings to more than \$50,000-\$490,000.

matters worse, hard-working striker Francesco Graziani had to leave the field after only seven minutes, having hurt his right shoulder. Altobelli came on in Graziani's place, and he was to score one of the goals.

Real Italy should have won by three instead of two.

That other goal was there for the taking when referee Arnaldo Coelho pointed to the penalty spot after Briegel had fouled Conti on the right side of the area as Conti was going for a cross from Cabrini. It was Cabrini who took the shot, and he struck it wide of Schumacher's left-hand post.

It was perhaps a tribute to the Italians' confidence that Graziani hardly looked perturbed.

Klaus Fischer menaced the Italian defence in the first half hour, having the ball hooked virtually off his foot by Colovati inside the goal area and then missing narrowly with a fine diving header, but Oriall threatened too, and it was only a last-moment foul by Uli Stielike that prevented Oriall from finishing off a strong solo run with a goal.

It was Rossi who broke the deadlock in the 56th minute

when he shot past Schumacher for the second goal.



German coach Jupp Derwall (right) consoles captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who was hampered by injury throughout the World Cup.

Rossi is king

From page one

"I've always had confidence in him. That's why I have waited for him," said Italian team manager Enzo Bearzot, who spent the two years of Rossi's suspension stating that he wanted him for the cup. His stand paid off.

The Italian manager was heavily criticised for his decision. Some critics argued that a player out of the game for two years could not recuperate in just a few weeks. Others said a player involved in a scandal did not deserve to play for the country.

"We would have preferred a more relaxed comeback, without the pressure of the World Cup," Trapattoni said. "But we know what Rossi means for a team and I fully understand Bearzot."

The Juventus coach himself, however, put the player back on his lineup the first Sunday he was allowed to, on April 23, because the team had not been scoring much. Rossi produced a goal and gave Juventus the decisive push in its last three games towards its 20th league title.

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Brazilian 'cure' is not for us

By JACK REILLY

It would appear that Sir Arthur George has World Cup fever again. In 1978, saw him bring back to Australia Rudi Guttendorf as the saviour of Australian soccer and we all know the absolute disaster that was. This time around he has formed the opinion that what we need in this country is a team of Brazilian coaches to teach us how to play.

That is very naive, Sir Arthur.

It is blatantly clear that it was lack of coaching that cost Brazil its rightful place in the tournament.

The Brazilians are a team of brilliant individuals, badly coached.

The elementary mistakes made by the Brazilian defence in its game against Italy was an absolute death blow for the game.

I am only one of many impartial millions who saw Brazil win.

No doubt at all that they have more class players than almost all the other teams put together. This is obviously what impressed Sir Arthur.

What he must realise however is that the Brazilians are what Len McKendry calls environment footballers in other words naturals.

What they have is the result of many thousands of hours spent practicing their skills as children in the streets or anywhere else they can get enough space to exercise with the ball.



This is what produces such gifted footballers.

Nobody can forget the wonderful exhibition given by the great Pele juggling a grapefruit. This is the type of skill that Brazilian children burn with desire to achieve.

When we can instill in the youth of Australia the same desire we will be well on the way to success.

If we do get sufficient skilled players coming through the

ranks the coaching process becomes easy. All too often in this country we are ready to condemn coaches, but what can they do without suitable equipped players?

Skills can be taught (notice I don't say coached) quite readily, but then hours of practice are required to become proficient. This is where we fall down.

Like Sir Arthur, I would be delighted to see more Australian players with Brazilian skills, but I reiterate; it is an

individual skill and the only way we will achieve it is by giving the youth of this country the necessary incentive to succeed.

Let's have a long hard look at what we've got and work within the confines of what is available. After all Sir Arthur and his executive have just appointed a national coach who only six months ago committed himself to playing Aussie soccer.

We have the raw material here, namely talented kids. Encourage them by providing the necessary facilities and equipment, not waste money on once again importing rather dubious talents.

Zoff not finished yet

Santos of Brazil, a 36-year-old full back when his team won the 1962 final against Czechoslovakia.

Italian team manager Enzo Bearzot calls Zoff his best player. Bearzot told reporters this week: "I wish I could let him kick a penalty one day — if we have a comfortable lead."

Zoff, whose age has not slowed his reflexes, was in his fourth consecutive World Cup final. He played in Mexico in 1970, West Germany in 1974 and Argentina in 1978.

Just before the 1974 finals he went 1147 minutes without con-

ceding a goal in international matches.

He has played 106 internationals for Italy, joining the elite group of footballers with more than 100 appearances. But he insists: "I don't try to set records in football. I try not to have goals scored against me."

Meet the Italians

Pen portraits of the Italian players in the World Cup final:

DINO ZOFF (Juventus): 40, goalkeeper and captain. Oldest player in the tournament who made his 100th international appearance in first round. Playing as well as ever.

CLAUDIO GENTILE (Juventus): 28, one of the hardest defensive tacklers in the game. Missed semi-final after bookings for over-attentive marking of Argentina's Diego Maradona and Brazil's Zico second round.

FULVIO COLLOVATTI (AC Milan — next season Inter-Milan): 25, commanding defender who was valued at \$1.48 million in his move to Internazionale of Milan.

GAETANO SCIREA (Juventus): 29, a highly effective defender who specialises in lightning breaks upfield, often with telling effect.

ANTONIO CABRINI (Juventus): 24, another player who likes to break out of defence and join attack. Has had outstanding World Cup and scored one of the goals that sank Argentina in second round.

GABRIELE ORITALI (Inter-Milan): 29, strong midfield player who has also been in brilliant form in Spain. Has played for Italy at every level from schoolboy.

MARCO TARDELLI (Juventus): 27, a tenaciously competitive midfielder whose winning mentality finds favour with manager Enzo Bearzot. Also scored against Argentina.

BRUNO CONTE (Roma): 27, troubled by a knee injury before finals but overcame it and became firmly established in side. Scored one of Italy's two goals in disappointing first-round performances.

PAOLO ROSSI (Juventus): 25, returned to action in April after two-year ban for alleged involvement in betting scandal and scored Italy's last six goals in crucial victories over Brazil, Poland and West Germany.

FRANCESCO GRAZIANI (Fiorentina): 29, in absence of injured Roberto Bettega, his partnership with Rossi was a growing influence on Italy's performances during finals, but came off injured in the final game.

GIUSEPPE BERGOMI (Inter-Milan): only 18 but praised by Bearzot for his performance as Gentile's stand-in during semi-final against Poland. He marked Rummenigge.

FRANCO CAUSIO (Udinese): 33, played impressively during 1978 finals but lost form and remained on the fringe of team. Came on as a late substitute.

ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI (Inter-Milan): 26, Graziani's form kept him on substitutes' bench, but scored

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Susic in strife, Koncilia retires

SAFET SUSIC, the Yugoslav World Cup striker, is in trouble with the Italian F.A.

After assuring each club that he was giving a free agent with no commitments, 'signed' first for Inter-Milan and then for Torino.

Now he has been barred from joining any Italian club next season.

FRIEDRICH KONCILIA, Austria's World Cup first choice goalkeeper, has announced that he will hang up his boots after the competition. He is now 34.

WEST GERMANY'S centre-forward Klaus Fischer had a poor season goal-wise with Cologne, but has regularly scored at least once for Germany.

Supported for two years for allegedly being involved in a game-fixing exercise, Fischer played in the disastrous 1978 World Cup, then broke a leg when 30 and made a great comeback with West Germany to be first choice for 18 months.

ONE player who's almost certainly going to join the list of World Cup stars on the move is Yugoslavia's goal-scoring goalkeeper (he's taken five penalties) Dragan Pantelic.

The French authorities have banned him for a whole year after he allegedly punched the referee in the face, leading to the dressing-rooms.

Bordeaux signed him on a two-year contract last summer, so it now looks as though they'll be obliged to loan him to a club, outside France for next season.

DEFENDER ULI STIELIKE's assessment of West Germany's tactics against England was: "We played on the principal Stop a goal at the back—and God help us up front."

NORTHERN IRELAND took just three sets of kit to Spain. They exchanged them after their first phase matches and officials had to send home for more.

GERARD JAVION, of France, took so long to complete his drug test after games against Austria that the team forgot about him and returned to their hotel, leaving the player to make his own way back.

BLACKBURN and Northern Ireland winger Noel Brotherton is a transfer target for French club Bordeaux.

FRENCH defender Christian Lopez, so sure that his team would reach the World Cup semi-final, picked up their reported \$100,000 each, splashed out on a new Porsche before they qualified for the second phase matches.

KUWAIT have given their mascot — a camel which once starred in a film with Anthony Quinn — to Madrid Zoo.

PRESIDENT Roberto Cordova of Honduras sent his personal congratulations to the team after they drew with Northern Ireland.

EGYPT recently had two complete new strips sent to Spain to combat the heat. They were manufactured in 72 hours by Admiral. First set a multi-layer garment designed to have a capillary action to draw perspiration to the surface and evaporate it for cooling effect; and a string vest type in mesh fabric.

GEORGE Best, looking fit and well as ever, has been appearing on ITV's World Cup soccer panel in London along with Brian Clough. Wonder if Clough has any designs on getting Best to make a comeback with Nottingham Forest?

BELGIAN skipper and ace defender Eric Gerets who has had to quit the World Cup and return home with head injuries has delayed his signing for

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

Cameroon keeper Thomas N'kono is interesting English first division side Notts County who already have a couple of players in their side with African connections.

Peru's Julio Cesar Uribe, rated South America's third best footballer behind Zico and Maradona and wanted by Leeds earlier this year, went home in disgrace after his reputation was ruined against Cameroon and Italy. By the way, the man who wanted Uribe for Leeds, manager Allan Clarke, has now accepted the sack from the Yorkshire club after leading them down to the second division and reported to have picked up \$100,000 to cancel his contract.

NORTHERN IRELAND players who topped their section will share a round \$240,000 for making the second round of the World Cup. Great stuff from the smallest soccer nation in the cup.

Soviet midfielder Leonid Buryak joined the World Cup squad in Spain only after it qualified along with Brazil for the second phase. Buryak had been recovering in Russia from a leg injury sustained in a league match.

Lucho Santibanez, the Chilean team boss, was the only one among the 24 finalists who was never a professional footballer. Now 45 he returns home to continue with club side Universidad Catolica whom he joined in 1981 at \$80,000 a year.

Brazil's top referee Arnaldo Coelho, who handled the West Germany v England game, picks up \$1000 a game back home plus a share of the gate receipts.

Johan Cruyff says he is sorry that Scotland and Yugoslavia were eliminated from the first round as they played real football and he went on to say Scotland were decidedly unlucky.

Cameron's back room staff included youth coach Zachariah Noah, father of tennis star Yannick.

David Kipiani, forced out of the World Cup through injury and retirement, has been made a vice-president of his club Dinamo Tbilisi.

Belgian keeper Jean Marie Coelbo who put team-mate Eric Gerets out of the World Cup in a goalmouth collision, was dropped against Poland. Manager Guy Thys said "I am tired of his childish behaviour."

Moreland (Vic) player Stuart O'Nanahan was sent back to Glasgow on holiday and watched Scotland's matches on TV. He got a big write-up in the Scottish Sunday Post in a competition to find football's most travelled and dastardly fan for the World Cup.

Newly promoted to the Italian first division, Verona are determined to make a real impact upstairs. They have paid out \$30,000 for Poland's World Cup captain Wladyslaw Zmuda.

Jon Diaz, a director of the Brazilian Football Association, speaking on his country's magnificent skills and ability said: "Brazilians do not think the game is just a way to make money — they love what they do. And it's a way to put



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The powerful Poles—as seen by former coach of Lodz

Henryk Sass, former head coach of LKS Lodz, was one of the keenest observers of Poland's World Cup progress. Sass, who has been in Melbourne since the World Youth Championships last year, knows most of Poland's players well, and has coached some of them.

"This team is not as good as the one we had in 1974, but it was the 1982 tournament that gave Poland its best chance in history of winning the World Cup," Sass said.

Sass, 41, played as a midfielder for LKS Lodz from 1959 to 1968, in the company of Vic Janczyk, Kaz Kowalec and Marian Gasior who later came to Melbourne to play for Polonia.

He moved on to the U.S. to play for Chicago Mustangs and coach Wisla Athlete before returning to Poland.

With the present Polish national coach Antoni Piechaczek, quit Second Division club BSK Bielsko, it was Sass who took over from him. Sass later became head coach of LKS Lodz, a position which involved organizing soccer clinics and co-ordinating the coaching of children at 35 primary and 15 secondary schools as well as overseeing the training of soccer coaches.

Sass also played in the Polish Olympic squad in 1960 until he was injured and he often assisted the then national coach, Kaz Gorski, with the national junior team.

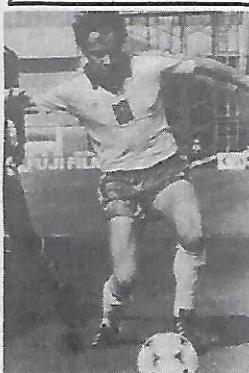
At the moment, he coaches twice a week at Clayton Technical School in Melbourne, and hopes to set up a permanent coaching scheme at that school, for all year seven students in the district. Sass also helps coach the seniors and juniors at Merton City.

"Special Action" asked him to give our readers an insight into the Polish national squad. He went through Piechaczek's most favored players, one by one:

JOSEF MLYNARCYK, 28, goalkeeper, Widzew Lodz: He was disqualified from soccer for about a year, together with Boniek, Zmuda and Terlecki who is not in this squad over a disciplinary matter while Lodz was in Rome for a match there. Sass didn't want to give details, but Press reports at the time said that Mlynarcyzk had been caught drinking and that when he was sent home from Rome, the others stuck by him and were exiled as well. Mlynarcyzk is back now, as good as ever: strong, fearless and extremely accurate when delivering the ball.

MAREK DZIUBA, 26, right back, LKS Lodz: Sass coached Dzuba at Lodz and he

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Andrzej Buncol — midfielder with the defensive discipline the Brazilians lack.

is proud of Dzuba's part in the moves that led to two goals against Belgium. Dzuba was captain of Poland for a few years and also is captain of LKS Lodz. A big, strong man, he plays aggressively from his right back position.

WŁADYSLAW ZMUDA, 28, centre back Widzew Lodz: Was only 20 years old when he played in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany and has developed into one of the country's finest players. He and Pawel Janas play as dual centre backs, exchanging positions according to the run of play. Unlike with many teams, Poland does not play with a sweeper. Zmuda is the tallest of the defenders, and he often comes forward, starting attacks with elegant passes. He is a quiet man, never nervous on the field.

PAWEŁ JANAS, 29, centre back, Legia Warsaw. Formerly with Widzew, so Sass knows him well. Janas does not have the same fine technique as Zmuda, and tends to belt first-time clearances away from the danger zone, whereas Zmuda is less impulsive and as tall as Zmuda, but equally as strong.

STEFAN MAJEWSKI, 26, Legia Warsaw, left back. Sass says Majewski was the stand-in for Jan Jalocha who has been injured during the World Cup. He played well last year but was often on the bench previously. A former midfielder, he now is

a cool, skilful, offensive full back, although he is slower than Jalocha and not as good at marking an opponent.

JANUSZ KUPCEWICZ, 26, Arka Gdynia, central midfielder. Sass says Kupcewicz is the best free kick-taker in Poland, and he wonders therefore why Boniek took virtually all the free kicks. "Boniek often hits his shots into the wall," he says, "so I think sometimes it would have been better for Kupcewicz to take them." When Kupcewicz played in the Polish youth team, most observers thought he would be another Lubanski. But he was injured later, and has not really fulfilled his early promise, although he remains an extremely accomplished midfielder.

ANDRZEJ BUNCOL, 22, Legia Warsaw, left midfielder. Formerly with Ruch Chorzow, he is on the verge of a brilliant national team with a good shot, who works tirelessly up and down the field and also scores goals. Here, Sass draws a comparison with the Brazilians. They, he says, use only players who go forward, yet every good team must be built around a hard nucleus of responsible defensive players. Buncol, although a midfielder, does not neglect his defensive duties like some of the Brazilians do. In this regard, Boniek displays Sass' "I'm not on TV" during the World Cup as Boniek stood still, watching an opposing defender with the ball only three metres away. Sure, Boniek saves his energy for attack, but in such a situation, he must go to the opponent."

WALDEMAR MATYSIK, 20, Gornik Zabrze, central midfielder. Played many times as central defender in the youth team, and stays back most of the time in his midfield role, giving the other central midfielder more scope to go forward.

GRZEGORZ LATO, 32, Lokeren, right midfielder. Lato, says Sass, has so much energy and determination, that he must have two hearts. "He is a very good man, always the same, very quiet, like Lubanski. He is one of the 10 best players in Poland's history." The difference between Lato of today and Lato of 1974 when he was top scorer in the World Cup, is that while he has lost some of his speed, he has developed his technique and uses his brain more. "Before, he only ever went forward, and he did it very fast. Now he plays with exactness and never loses the ball," says Sass. "Will he come back to Poland?" Maybe not. Kasperczak went to Metz in France and he was now coaching there. Deyna went to Manchester City and now to the U.S. Gadocha went to France, and also to the U.S. Gorski is in Switzerland. Lubanski has a coffee shop in Lokeren, called "Penalty." The financial conditions are better abroad than in Poland. The only one who came back is Tomaszewski who's now assistant coach at Lodz.

ZBIGNIEW BONIEK, 26, Widzew Lodz, striker or midfielder. In Sass's opinion he is the best talent in Poland. Sass first saw Boniek when he came to Widzew as a junior in 1975. Sass and Gorski watched him together and both agreed he would be a brilliant player. "He is easy, elastic, in the way he plays," says Sass. "He knows many tricks even when he was a junior, and he has a great amount of power with both feet. Also, in three-metre sprints, he is fantastic, and this is very important for a player. Sometimes though, his behaviour is bad. He talks to referees too much, and he often gets the yellow card. He got the red card too once."

WŁODZIMIERZ SMOLEK, 24, Widzew Lodz, striker. He will be 25 on July 16. He, like Boniek, he sometimes behaves badly in the field. At Legia Warsaw, Smolek was on the bench, but now he is a leading player — great left-foot shot, good control, tricky dribbler and great fighting qualities.

PIOTR SKROBOWSKI, 20, Wisla Krakow, midfielder, the youngest player in the squad, he suffered an injury during the World Cup, which caused him to miss games.

ANDRZEJ IWAN, 22, Wisla Krakow, striker. An excellent player, but also ham-



A moment of relaxation for Zbigniew Boniek (left) and Grzegorz Lato.



Striker Włodzimierz Smolarek (left) breaks clear of a tackle by Sulakvelidze of the USSR.

pered by injury in the World Cup, Poland's best combination, says Sass, would feature Iwan and Smolarek as the two strikers, with Boniek back in midfield.

WŁODZIMIERZ CIOŁEK, 26, Stal Mielesz, striker. Iwan and Lato were fellow strikers when Lato was still in Poland, so this Polish team has the option, when necessary, to reunite them again at club time.

Boniek will join Italian club Juventus after this World Cup, for a transfer fee of well over \$1 million. Where does the money go in the Polish soccer set-up, we wanted to know.

Sass says it will go to a central sports committee which will use most of the money to assist sport in general, and will give some of it to Boniek's present club, Widzew.

But Boniek isn't the only star heading abroad. Sass tells us that Zmuda is set to join Verona in Italy and that Janas may go to Auxerre which already boasts Andrzej Szarmach. In the past, a player could not leave Poland until he turned 30 but that rule has been varied.

What has caused Polish soccer to blossom the way it has since 1972 when Poland won the Olympic gold medal?

According to Sass, it has had a lot to do with higher wages for national team players. "Earlier, the players got more from their clubs than from national team duty," he says. "When that changed in 1972, we saw the start of the golden age of Polish soccer."



Polish goalkeeper Josef Mlynarczyk (right) has a joke with his understudy Jacek Kasimierski.



Midfielder Janusz Kupcewicz — free-kick expert.



Poland's coach Antoni Piechaczek — preceded Sass at BSK Bielsko.

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Dominique Rocheteau

The real Rocheteau emerges

By PAUL MOON

France's prolonged interest in this year's World Cup has given Dominique Rocheteau (pictured left) the opportunity to prove that seven minutes of magic produced six years ago was no mere fluke.

It was in the 83rd minute of the 1976 European Champions' Cup final that Rocheteau took the field as substitute, his right leg heavily strapped to protect an injury.

The St. Etienne replacement forced Bayern Munich's defence to shred on his short stay on the pitch, but unfortunately had luck, poor finishing by colleagues and Sepp Maier's fine goalkeeping con-

tributed to allow the Germans to maintain their one goal advantage.

Rocheteau joined St. Etienne six years earlier, having been spotted in a national skills competition in which he finished 22nd in a 22-strong field!

Pierre Garonnaire, general manager of St. Etienne, noticed potential brilliance though and obtained his signature. Prior to this the frail youth had been resigned to joining the family's long established business, selling oysters. Dominique however had far bigger fish to fry.

The fast, ultra-skilled winger's impact was so immediate that he was capped by France after just four league appearances, but it was with his club that Rocheteau first gained the world's attention.

Speared by Rocheteau and gifted midfielder Michel Platini, St. Etienne

dominated French football during the mid-1970s, winning the league championship three successive times and making a significant mark in the European Champions' Cup, culminating in the Hampden Park final of '76.

It was typical of the Saintes born player's ill fortune that he missed all but seven minutes of that game through an injury sustained in the semi-final against PSV Eindhoven.

The badly torn muscle eventually required an operation. The injuries Rocheteau has suffered are sufficient to satisfy a legion of hypochondriacs: two leg injuries necessitating operations, abductor problems, ligament trouble in his left knee, both his nose and collar bone have been broken, an elbow dislocated, countless thigh muscles pulled, acute tendinitis and a history of illness created by extreme anxiety.

Despite being a cult figure amongst the

youth of France with his good looks, long hair, love of fast cars and rock music — Rocheteau is a recluse and introvert.

Much of which explains the enigmatic form which has dogged his career.

Transferred to Paris St. Germaine in July, 1981, Rocheteau has solved most of his psychological problems in the anonymity of a big city; being just one amongst many famous celebrities, whereas in provincial St. Etienne he found himself constantly harassed by fans.

Having seemingly come to terms with "superstardom", it is unlikely that the Frenchman will become a second George Best as many feared.

In Spain, Rocheteau displayed his best form ever in a French jersey. Four years earlier he was a bitter disappointment in the World Cup finals, despite having played extremely well in the qualifying ties.

Greenwood steps down, Robson takes over

It was third time lucky for Bobby Robson when he was elevated to the England management last week eight years after he first became a contender.

He was one of the leading candidates when Don Revie was appointed in 1974 and also made the short list before Ron Greenwood was given the job three years later.

Now Greenwood has stepped aside, the way is clear for Robson to vacate the manager's chair at Ipswich, which he has occupied for the past 13 years.

He is the First Division's longest-serving manager and brought to Ipswich a consistency which was the envy of many of its rivals.

Despite lacking the resources of a big-city club, Ipswich still finished in the top six every season bar one in the past 10 years.

The only time it missed out, in 1978, it had the ample compensation of the FA Cup to show for its efforts. It also won the UEFA Cup last year and has had first division honours for the past two seasons.

Born in County Durham 49 years ago, Robson came south to join Fulham as a player in 1950.

He moved to West Bromwich in 1956 for £50,000 and spent six years there before returning to Craven Cottage.

A stylish wing-half or inside forward, Robson won 20 England caps and played in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden.

He made 581 league appearances before his first-team playing days ended in 1966 and he became one of the first Englishmen to sample North American soccer when he joined Vancouver Royals as player-coach.

In 1968 he was back at Fulham again, this time as manager, but he was sacked after 10 months.

He took over at Ipswich in January 1969 and quickly established a reputation which brought tempting offers from Derby, Bristol, Leicester and Sunderland, to name but a few.

Robson turned them all down, but he came close to leaving Portman Road in September 1979.

He was set to join Athletic Bilbao but the move fell through when the Spanish Club refused to pay Ipswich \$400,000 compensation.

It is the second time Ipswich has lost its manager to England.

Alf Ramsey took Ipswich to the League title in 1962, then moved on to World Cup glory with England four years later.

Robson already has plenty of international experience. He has been responsible for England's "B" team since it was reconstituted four years ago.

Bert Millichip, chairman of the English Football Association, said:

"We picked the man we want."

He said no one else had been considered to replace Ron Greenwood, the 50-year-old England manager who is retiring following England's campaign in this year's World Cup.

Robson, has agreed to a five-year contract.

Millichip refused to reveal any of the financial details but said, in reference to compensation to be paid to Ipswich: "We shall be sympathetic to Ipswich in the short term."

He said: "We will be sitting down with Bobby Robson very shortly and looking at the whole future for the next five years."

They would hope to introduce greater skills, starting at the bottom level.

Millichip said he was "very, very pleased and happy" with the way Greenwood had carried out his task. He said the outgoing manager's advice would still be solicited in administrative matters, but there was "no way" that Greenwood would be involved

in Robson's coaching of the side.

Greenwood himself looked

back on his five years in charge of the National side

when he made his final public

statement last week as manager in the splendid surrounds

of the Dona Endrina Hotel at

Navacerrada, north-west of

Madrid.

Fresh in his mind was the failure to hit the back of Spain's goal which entailed

England's elimination from

the finals without having lost a

single game and having conceded

only one goal in 49

minutes of football.

He was asked if he had any complaints really.

We are a bit like the Russians in not having lost a game, but we failed to find goals in the second round and that's what the game is all about," he said.

"This England squad has been a credit to football in the way it played and in the way it behaved over the past few weeks.

The only thing it did not do was score goals at the right time. Against Spain we felt we had to be patient in the first half. We made changes at the right time and gave the Spaniards fresh problems, but the goals just would not come," he added.

"I have no regrets over the way we prepared for these finals. The only tragedy was that Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking were unable to play until the last game."

Greenwood said he felt England football had recovered a lot of respect since he took

over the game with Switzerland at Wembley in 1977.

Certainly England missed out on the 1978 finals in Argentina but was disappointed in the

way it was eliminated in the

European Nations finals in

Italy two years ago.

But he lists among the achievements he is proud of the team's unbeaten run in its last 11 games, reaching the final of the European Under-21 Championships this year, winning the European youth title and playing well in the World Youth Cup finals in Australia.

"I do not think we have done

too badly over the past four or five years and the continuity is there. Bobby Robson has been part of it and if he gets the job after me, it should be no problem," he said.

"I am leaving behind a squad in which it is doubtful there will be any new introductions before the start of September."

Greenwood, 60, said he

would not be taking any further full-time job in football,

although he had been asked to

continue on a consultative basis for England.

He returned to England with

the rest of the party and didn't

return for last weekend's final in Madrid.

Greenwood left behind 49

years of football which

brought success both as a

player and a manager at club

and international levels.

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regrets over the way he

had conducted his

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England manager Ron

Greenwood must take the



Bobby Robson (left) with his friend Michael Parkinson during England's visit to Australia in 1980.

Arconada's defence too good for England

SPAIN 0 ENGLAND 0 in Madrid. Referee: Alexis Ponner (Belgium) 8.

Substitutes: Ray Clemence, Phil Neal, Glenn Hoddle, Trevor Brooking, Kevin Keegan.

Spain: Jose Arcadio, San

Diego Urquiza, Miguel Tendillo, Jose Alfonso, Refael Gordillo, Miguel Alonso, Jose Camacho, Jesus Zamora, Enrique Saura, Jesus Sotres, Carlos Santillana.

Substitutes: Miguel Angel, Roberto Lopez Utrera, Manuel Jimenez, Antonio Maceda, Pedro Urzola.

England manager Ron

Greenwood must take the

blame for his country's

exit from the 1982 World

Cup.

Greenwood threw Trevor Brooking and Kevin Keegan into the fray as second half replacements for Graham Rix and Tony Woodcock and he must be rueing the omission of these substitutes from his starting line-up.

Brooking, the West Ham midfield maestro immediately created openings in a previously resolute Spanish defence.

His disposal and positioning

priest apart a Spanish back

five which had frustrated the

English for three quarters of

this crucial match. Unfortunately for England it finished well below the standard re-

quired at this height of level.

Greenwood vacated the

nation's management immediately

Belgian referee Alexis

Ponner signaled the finale of

England's sorte in Spain. The

one time West Ham manager

seemed pleased with his

efforts at the helm which

started in 1977. He should have

been mulling over a possible

different outcome against the

Spaniards had he started off

with Brooking, Keegan and multi-talented Glen Hoddle.

He wasn't Greenwood pre-

ferred to talk about what had

been achieved during his

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Last dance for Brazil

ITALY 3 (Rossi 5th., 25th., 74th.) BRAZIL 2 (Socrates 12th., Falcao 68th.) in Barcelona. Referee: Abraham Klein (Israel) 9.

than Italy and all the other teams."

Zico said: "Football is goals, and today they scored one more." Captain Socrates said nothing.

But perhaps the Brazilian who came closest to the truth was Oscar. "It was trying to put on a show that sunk us," he said. "It would have been easiest to close up when we were leading at 0-1 in the 22nd."

Oscar added that Brazil had paid for "some lack of concentration and, above all, the desire to score goals."

Smiling Italian manager Enzo Bearzot said Italy's performance was the logical consequence of its work in the first round and was due to hard work and the good physical shape of the players.

Said Italy had a chance to go 3-1 up and then suffered the Brazil goal in the 68th minute.

"Perhaps our opponents relaxed and thought they could win and this allowed us the space which we took advantage of."

Brazilian manager Tele Santana said individual mistakes

cost his team the match. "I've always said Brazil is not an unbeatable team. We made mistakes and they were taken full advantage of," he said.

Santana added: "Brazil played better than against Argentina. We were calmer, pressed better and built more attacks. Against Argentina, we played badly in the first half and were winning. Today we deserved to be winning at halftime and were a goal down."

The great Brazilian, Pele, said: "It is hard to believe Brazil are out. Brazil was the best team in the World Cup and is difficult to accept they will not be in the final."

Paolo Rossi, suspended for

two years over his part in the AC Milan bribery scandal, performed the greatest individual feat in Italian soccer history by notching all three goals

against the mighty Brazilians.

His first came through a header in the 5th minute. Conti did good work on the right, beating a man and then switching play to Cabral on the left. Cabral crossed to the far post and Rossi was there to head it in. It was his first goal of the Cup.

Serginho should have equalised five minutes later, but, after battling past three players and getting a ricochet off the feet of Socrates, he missed the gaping goal.

But Brazil did get back on level terms within two minutes of that miss.

Zico, showing unbelievable ball mastery, went past Gentile, his marker, and foisted Dino Zoff by shooting just inside the near post whereas Zoff had expected a cut-back. It was cheeky and it was brilliant. The score was 1-1 and now we waited to see the real Brazil.

But instead, it was Italy again.

Zerezo lost the ball in defence, Rossi took it and beat it expertly past Waldir Perez 2-1.

Collotati was injured and replaced by Bergomi in the 34th minute, just after Zico had risen very high but had managed only to head straight

at Zoff, playing his 104th game for Italy.

Brazil, unbeaten in 24 previous internationals since January, 1981, remained 1-2 behind at half time. But by this time, Zico had his shirt torn with being hit hard, and would have got a penalty, had the whistle not sounded a second earlier for offside. Also, Oscar had made a desperate goal-line clearance in front of Gentile.

Brazil's determined play

paid dividends in the 69th minute. Junior played a fantastic swerving square pass to Falcao who had Cerezo making a run wide, inviting Falcao to pass it to him. Falcao, instead, delayed a moment, cut inside and slammed a fine shot past Zoff for the equaliser.

Paoletti Iaidoro came on for Serginho soon afterwards, enabling Socrates to move into Serginho's centre forward position.

Italy forced its first corner in the 76th minute, and from that corner, Rossi scored again. Bergomi got his head to it, Tardelli took the shot and Rossi was stationed in its path, to deflect it past Waldir Perez.

The ball hit the post and shortly afterwards, Rossi was offside. Similarly, Antognoni scored an offside goal, and the match ended with three successive corners to Brazil.

Conti got inside Oscar on a return ball but shot across goal as it became more and more obvious that Brazil was leaving itself open at the back.

Rossi unsuccessfully claimed a penalty after being brought down by Luizinho, and then ran across the edge of the area to block Cerezo who had made a brilliant run on a long through ball from Zico.

But Zico started fading now,



The goal that put Italy into the semi-finals. It completed Paolo Rossi's hat-trick and left Waldir Perez helpless.



Falcao (right) was Brazil's star. Here he beats Rossi for a header.



Socrates (left) beats Dino Zoff to level at 1-1 after 12 minutes.

NO REGRETS, NO HARD FEELINGS

Hundreds of fans packed Rio's International Airport to greet the Brazilian soccer team on its return from Spain after being eliminated from the World Cup.

In contrast to the outbursts of anger and despair that followed Brazil's 3-2 loss to Italy, fans cheered and applauded the players as they got off the plane.

The players arrived at 8.15 local time and were met by enthusiastic well-wishers chanting "Brazil, Brazil." Many waved flags and banners of green and yellow, Brazil's national colours.

One supporter carried a sign saying: "As important as winning is holding your head up in defeat."

The only sour note occurred when one fan tried to approach the players with a

hand-printed sign reading: "Today's specialty: chicken, Waldir Peres style."

"Chicken" is Brazilian slang for a bad defensive play and evidently referred to goalie Waldir Peres' lacklustre performance in the World Cup. Police threw the protest out.

Coach Tele Santana, looking tired and tense, told reporters he had "no regrets" about Brazil's performance in the Cup. He added that if Brazil were to play Italy again, "I would instruct the team the same way."

One of the outstanding players in the Brazilian side, said the loss to Italy was one of those things that often happen in soccer.

"It was bad-luck day ... I think fate wanted Brazil out of the Cup," he said.

The all-star midfielder of Rio's Flamengo Club said the Brazilian players were "calm (and) fully aware of the job we did. We are human beings and have the right to make a mistake."

One of the warmest receptions went to Falcao, the elegant midfielder of Italy's Roma Club. Fans applauded and chanted "Hey, hey, hey ... Falcao is our king."

Considered by many as the number one player in the Brazilian team, Falcao said the team was "depressed because we weren't able to bring back the Cup."

Reuter reported that Giulitte Coutinho, president of the Brazilian Football Association, said that Santana should continue as manager of the Brazilian team.

"I think Tele should carry on the work he is doing. In the last 35 games the team has lost only three matches," Coutinho said.

Brazilian newspapers reported that police had thrown a protective cordon around Santana's home after it was besieged by angry fans following the loss to Italy.

They said Santana's wife had also been plagued by a stream of insults over the telephone.

as Gentile stuck closer and closer to him, while Tardelli was running riot in midfield, and Conti was dominating the right flank.

Three more promising attacks followed. Serginho, in a tight situation, tried a sneaky back-heeler by Zoff sent, Rossi, unmarked on a square ball from Graziani, just missed the near post, and Zoff held a good free kick from Gentile.

Before the game Italy received orders to fly in the face of years of ingrained instruction to defend and strike on attack against Brazil.

The Italians are masters at defending and striking on the counter-attack. But manager Enzo Bearzot warned they could afford to let Brazil hold the initiative.

Italy's capital exploded in delirium minutes after the final whistle.

Carloads of flag-waving football fans, horns blaring wildly, careered through the streets. People tore off their shirts to jump into fountains and shopkeepers waved flags in joy. One woman threw huge sausages into the street.

The emotional outburst followed a spell of nail-biting tension as the country came to a virtual halt around their television screens.

The Vatican, Parliament, ministries and major com-

panies were not answering their phones.

Police reported thousands converging on the centre of the city, throwing Rome's usually frantic home-going traffic into complete chaos.

In 1979 Vicenza club paid \$5.8 million transfer fee for Paolo Rossi.

Then in 1980 he was suspended for two years following a bribery scandal which ravaged his career, although he was never proven guilty.

He was accused of having fixed a game when he played for Perugia. The game, in which Perugia was heavily favored, ended in a 2-2 draw; Rossi scored two goals. It was never clear how much money Rossi allegedly received.

Rossi protested his innocence, and was found innocent by an Italian court. Yet the Italian Football Federation suspended him for two years.

During that period Rossi got married, lived a regular life and was transferred to Juventus, for \$2.9 million and helped the team win its 20th national title.

He had played only three league matches for Juventus before joining the World Cup squad.

In Spain, Rossi worked hard to get back into shape, but Italian officials rated him only about 80 percent of his standard before Italy opened play.

Just as Italy struggled with

three straight draws, so Rossi stammered through the first round, claiming he was under the "psychological pressure" of not having scored a goal.

But he exploded sensational against Brazil. It was 25-year-old striker's first ever three-goal performance for the national team.

Rossi was promised free shoes for life and the Italian equivalent of a knighthood after the game.

Wine merchants in Pescara sent Rossi 1,000 litres of wine and shoemakers in Vigevano near Milan said they would supply him with footwear for the rest of his life.

Italian president Sandro Pertini, watching the game on television during his visit to France, said he intended to award Rossi the title of Commendatore, which is equivalent to a knighthood.

Gentile the man who marked Zico, is the modern-day coach's dream but little understood by the fans. But his destructive marking job on Zico and Maradona had a certain awesome beauty.

Zico and Maradona fought a private battle for the right to be advertised as "the world's greatest footballer."

The Brazilian, who scored four goals in five games in Spain, won with ease and there have been rumours that Barcelona would like to pull out of their \$7.5 million purchase of the Argentine.

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Lubo Gojkovic (right) conducts training on the Socceroos' 1979 tour of China.

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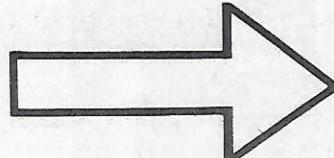
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Dunleavy replaces Morton, Alston or Gojkevic next?

By ALEX VESIC

Following last week's announcement by Wollongong to split the duties of manager and coach, Ken Morton reacted angrily describing the decision as a sacking.

I happened to have followed the development of the situation and was most intrigued about headlines which read "I was sacked" and "Wolves turn on coach" which appeared in the Sydney press.

For some time now it was obvious that Wollongong, despite its latest success in the league, had financial difficulties, mainly due to low attendances and lack of sponsorship.

The decision to employ an extra man, rather than sack the coach was taken after a long and serious study by the Wollongong committee. In an effort to raise funds, the committee decided to create a position of secretary-manager, common at most PSL clubs.

Bob Powell at APIA Leichhardt, George Keat at Marconi, Michael Urkalo at Sydney City, just to name a few, are the men who have done so much, not only for their club's

image but also in raising funds, organising soccer clinics, carrying other secretarial duties which are a burden to a coach.

Hence the position of coach becomes part time.

That appears to be a bone of contention.

If Willie Wallace, Don Kastanovic and Eddie Thompson, three well known coaches, accept the position part time I fail to see what possible problem would be created by having the same at Wollongong.

I'd hate to have Mr Morton misinterpreted as being a bad coach. Something had to be done in an area tailor-made for regional success, to be a more viable financial unit. To carry on and run into further financial difficulties would be tragic.

Morton has achieved great success with his team, despite the laps in the first six rounds of the competition. He also was given the same chance as any applicant for the position of the coach for the following year. It carries with it the responsibility, rather than accuse the club of sacking him, a situation would have developed which would provide a healthy base for the club's operations next year.

As it was, his outburst not only upset the committee, but also provided those who are not in "the know," with room for speculation detrimental to the club's future.

One of the players, Lee Adam, stood behind his coach, describing the decision as ludicrous. He is a fine player, but he also is a Wollongong player and should consider his club's decision a little deeper than he obviously did. Phil O'Connor also was quoted, and the rest of the side, I am sure, would agree with him and his policy



Adrian Alston

of "let's stand together. We are doing fine kids and we can do even better."

O'Connor suggested that the decision taken by the committee possibly was ill-timed but certainly didn't affect the morale of the team. O'Connor was vindicated. Despite the fact that Morton was missing due to his visit to Hobart, prior to the world cup games, the Red Devils from southern New South Wales demolished Newcastle with ease at the International Sports Centre last Sunday.

I would repeat, just for the

record, that Morton had done a fine job at Wollongong and none can deny him that accolade. I feel that his parting with the club has left a sour note amongst those who held him in high esteem as a soccer coach and manager.

Following Morton's departure from Wollongong, the team has been taken over by caretaker coach, Chris Dunleavy, until such time as the new coach is appointed.

Adrian Alston, the ex-Socceroo, is the front runner for the position. He has come back to the South Coast and is presently bidding his time in obvious hope that City recognises his experience, being a Luton Town player as well as a professional in the NASL and an Australian representative during the World Cup in 1974.

Alston also has gone through coaching courses in England and has learned a lot from the Americans during his playing days in the NASL.

Lubo Gojkovic, the Sydney Olympic youth coach, looms as another candidate. Physical education at tertiary level plus many years of coaching stands behind the man in charge of the Olympic youth team.

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By LAURIE SCHWAB

Survival in the Philips Cup and its hopes of finishing in the top four are at stake for Heidelberg which faces Makedonia at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) and Wollongong on Sunday.

Heidelberg president Sam Goulopoulos renewed his attack on the PSL management committee by blasting its decision to stage the Cup match tonight, only three days after Heidelberg and makedonia had clashed in a league match.

"The low attendance last Sunday — only about 4000 — proves conclusively that the fans will not come to two local derbies in the one week. They will save their money to go to either one or the other," Goulopoulos said.

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injury for its league clash with

PHILIPS LEAGUE (Sunday)

IN WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG v. Heidelberg-Alexander at Wollongong Showgrounds.

IN MELBOURNE

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. Newcastle KB United at Middle Park.

Preston Makedonia v. ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST at Connor Reserve.

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Canberra City at Sydney Athletic Field.

APIA-Leichhardt v. BRISBANE CITY at Lambert Park.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Marconi-Datsun at Pratten Park.

IN ADELAIDE

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v. Footscray J.U.S.T. at Hindmarsh Stadium.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v. Adelaide City Juventus (draw) at Richlands.

PHILIPS CUP

(tonight, Wednesday, 7.30)

Brisbane Lions v. SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Perry Park.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER v. Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v. Canberra City at Hindmarsh.

MARCONI-DATSUN v. APIA-Leichhardt at Marconi Stadium.

WOLLONGONG

but on recent performances, Heidelberg cannot be confident of victory, despite the turmoil in the Wollongong camp over the Ken Morton affair.

Wollongong's climb into the top four has been no fluke. It is playing tight, disciplined soccer, with Arno Bertogna starring in defence, Lee Adam in midfield, Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton in attack, and newcomer Waldron adding an extra bit of zip.

South Melbourne-Hellas's advance up the ladder should continue with a win against Newcastle at Middle Park, and it's likely that Hellas will move ahead of APIA which appears to have little hope of beating Brisbane City at Lambert Park. Even though Peter Wilson is back in defence,

what happens when you stop Kostas and Mitchell? Patikas, or Borges, or Watson, or Murray, or Boden now that he's back, will score instead. Just ask J.U.S.T.

Talking about J.U.S.T. it's time to take a point. Of course it won't be easy against West Adelaide, but then nothing is easy in this league.

Success in any match depends upon which set of players gives more on the day. For West Adelaide, victory means keeping alive its top-four aspirations. For J.U.S.T. it means survival.

Adelaide City is fighting its survival battle with success. Its scoreless draw with Marconi last weekend lifted it to 11th place and although it finds goals hard to come by, it should manage another draw with Brisbane Lions, especially since John Nyskohus returns after suspension.

Makedonia played a tight defensive game to snatch a point from Heidelberg, but it will have to be even tighter against St. George at Connor Reserve, for St. George is running hot. Des Marton can score no matter how tightly you mark him and Paul Wilkinson is a match for David Jones in the air.

But it's in midfield where Makedonia will struggle, for it has no-one to match the creative ability of Peter Stone, John O'Shea and Lajos Kortari.

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2 (2) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	9 2 1 24:9	2 3 5 14:22 38:30 27
3 (4) SYDNEY OLYMPIC	5 1 5 20:13	6 2 3 21:16 41:31 25
4 (7) WOLLONGONG	8 1 3 16:13	5 2 5 15:22 30:35 25
5 (3) West Adel. Hellas	7 2 2 26:9	2 4 5 12:19 38:28 24
6 (5) Heidelberg-Alexander	7 3 2 21:14	2 3 5 11:16 32:30 24
7 (7) APIA-Leichhardt	8 2 3 19:19	3 3 5 18:25 37:44 23
8 (6) Preston-Makedonia	5 4 2 20:14	2 4 5 10:20 30:34 22
9 (10) St. Melb. Hellas	5 3 2 19:13	2 4 6 16:17 35:30 21
10 (9) Marconi-Datsun	7 1 3 26:13	2 2 7 7:16 33:21 21
11 (14) Adel. C. Juventus	3 6 2 14:9	2 3 6 13:18 29:27 19
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13 (12) Canberra City	3 4 5 17:21	2 5 3 12:17 29:38 19
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(Makedonia) YANKOS (4)
(H'berg)

RASKOPOULOS (3)
(Syd. Olympic) KATHOLOS (11)
(Syd. Olympic) DAVIDSON (3)
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HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0 PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 0 at Olympic Village. Votes by Laurie Schwab.

6. Todorovski (Maked.), 5 Yankos (H'berg.), 4. Potter (Maked.), 3. Jones (Maked.), 2. McMillan (H'berg.), 1. Cole (H'berg.).

BRISBANE CITY 4 (Borjan, Hamilton, Hermitton pen., Connor) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Honeyman) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Hamilton (BC), 5. Behan (BC), 4. Summer (WA), 3. Hermitton (BC), 2. Perry (BC), 1. Honeyman (WA).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Borges, Patikas) at Schmitt Reserve. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Watson (SC), 5. O'Connor (SC), 4. Kondaros (JUST), 3. Patikas (SC), 2. Mitchell (SC), 1. Cric (JUST).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Drinkwater 37th) WOLLONGONG 3 (Cotton 2, Waldron) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Cotton (W), 5. P. Tredinnick (W), 4. B. Tredinnick (W), 3. H. Tredinnick (IN), 2. Robertson (W), 1. Preston (W).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 5 (Marton 2 incl pen., Wilkinson, R. O'Shea, Barton) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Ogden pen) at St. George Stadium. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Marton (St. G), 5. Barton (St. G), 4. Wilkinson (St. G), 3. Skeen (St. G), 2. R. O'Shea (St. G), 1. Slater (St. G).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Katholos 3) at Lambert Park. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Katholos (SO), 5. Reskold (SO), 4. deCeglie (APIA), 3. Givins (SO), 2. Zins (SO), 1. Rovandi (SO).

CANBERRA CITY 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Egan 2, Davidsson, Buljevic) at Bruce St-a-

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17 Kosmina (SC), Egan (SM).
15 Marton (St. G).
13 Honeyman (WA).
12 Koussas (SO).
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10 Cole, Campbell (H'berg.).
9 O'Connor (W), J. Nyskohus (AC), Brown (Maked.).
8 Cotton (W), Jankovics (Marc.), Redfern (SO).
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Matches, with likely winners in capitals:



Gong grounds Johnston

Newcastle 1
Wollongong 3

Ground: International Sports Centre, Newcastle.

Weather: Fine.

Crowd: 7,489.

Referee: D. Monteverde 7.
Scores: Cotton (W) 15th and 30th, Drinkwater (N) 37th, Waldron (W) in 77th.

NEWCASTLE KB: Dando 7, Curran 7, Sneddon 5, Drinkwater 7, H. Tredinnick 8, Mason 6, Robertson 8, Hamilton 7, Jones 6, Lowe 6, Johnston 7.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 7, Willis 7, Bartone 8, Ainsworth 7, Waldron 7, Fleming 6, Adam 6, Dunleavy 7, P. Tredinnick 8, Cotton 5, O'Connor 7.

Wollongong left the International Sports Centre with two points simply because it failed to win more than the local team.

Fielding a team including four ex-Newcastle players who would have been naturally motivated to play the game of their lives, the visitors were better organized, defended extremely well, attacked with the swiftness of a cobra and always supported each other.

Newcastle still was on cloud nine after a good performance against Preston Makedonia and with Craig Johnston making his final appearance had every right to feel confident.

Wollongong should a lot more enthusiasm especially in defence where space was closed very quickly and someone always was available to pick up the loose ball.

In attack Roy Cotton led the Newcastle defence a merry dance and his combination with Peter Tredinnick gave Newcastle a lot of problems.

This duo combined to put Wollongong in front when Tredinnick found space down the left, cut inside and his right foot shot was stopped by Cotton who neatly turned and slipped the ball into the net.

Five minutes later Cotton again put through a defence splitting pass and the score should have been 2-0 but Waldron saw his shot well saved by Phil Dando.

Newcastle started showing some sign of life and almost equalized from a cross by Johnston from the right. Hamilton's header was cleared off the line by Jim Preston.

The clearance was picked up



Joe Lanzoni

by Cotton outside his penalty area. He ran the length of the field, waltzed around John Sneddon and scored his second goal.

Newcastle pulled one back when Drinkwater popped up on the far post to head a fine left foot cross by Robertson from the right.

Remarkably, Newcastle almost got into the interval on level terms when David Lowe was put through by Howard Tredinnick but, with only Preston to beat, he hesitated and eventually his shot was headed away by Dunleavy for a fruitless corner.

The second half saw Wollongong still on the attack and Peter Tredinnick again put Cotton through but his feeble attempt sailed harmlessly over the bar.

In the 34th minute Newcastle almost got to equalize when Robertson had a shot from right in front but Preston, with a fine bit of anticipation, managed to save the point blank shot.

The issue was put behind doubt when Peter Tredinnick broke down the left, reached the by-line before cutting the ball back and Waldron had no trouble scoring from close range.

Newcastle looked in vain to the linesman but his flag stayed down.

It was a sad way to end Johnston's guest appearances. I am sure he would have loved to go out on a high note, but he looked a little tired.



"We're waiting for Tommy Docherty — he's going to give us lessons in hopping it"

The 'Daily Star' in England had this good-natured jibe at Tommy Docherty before he left for Australia.

It's Dez the Destroyer

St. George 5
Brisb. Lions 1

Venue: St. George Stadium.
 Crowd: 2,424.

Referee: J. Reeves 5
Scores: Wilkinson (St G) 16; Robert (St G) 34 & 42 p.m.; Ogden 53 Pen; Barton (St G) 60.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Fraser 7, Skeen 8, R. O'Shea, Ratcliffe 8, Barton 8, Slater 7, Stom 7, M. O'Shea 7, Wilkinson 8, J. O'Shea 7, Marton 9 (Debut 87th min).

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 5, McSkinnings 5, Niven 5, Bennett 6, Ferris 6, (Daunt 74th min) Burns 5, Hogg 5.

By PETER SCOTT

Millman 5, Atmore 5, Wright 6, Ogden 6.

All eyes were on Dez the Destroyer, as St. George Budapest's veteran striker lifted his season's tally to 15 goals against a hapless Brisbane Lions last Sunday.

Millman scored "only" twice

— and one was from a penalty kick — but if only his team mates had had their shooting boots on, the Hungarian club easily could have emulated the Hungarian national team's 1-0 drubbing of El Salvador recently.

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Lions were at a complete loss as to possible methods of handling the Saint's menace from the kick-off.

Marion's main "partner in crime" for most of the 90 minutes was lanky former Queenslander Paul Wilkinson, who missed one and set up another opportunity before finally netting in the 16th minute.

A long, speculative attempt by the centre-forward beat stand-in Lions goalie Tony Scanlan to gently fall into the net for the third goal.

Scanlan continued to have the horrors and just three minutes later failed to collect

a loose ball, allowing Robbie Robbie the easiest of chances to score from a scant one metre out.

The visitors did have one more chance to come back into contention some 10 minutes later, when the whole of the home defence misjudged a floating cross from the right wing.

Alas, Bobby Ferris missed an open goal.

None of the Lions' hopes disappeared in the 34th minute when Marion had all the time needed to chest down a ball inside the penalty area, pivoted and neatly shot into the net for the third goal.

But, where was the Lions defence?

Peter Stone, otherwise having one of his less distinguished matches, had Scanlan stretching for a save soon after. And then the Lions keeper could only stop Johnny O'Shea by bowling him over in the penalty area.

Marion duly slotted the spot kick home for the half-time score of 4-0.

Some of the Lions' pride was salvaged in the 53rd minute when Ogden scored from a penalty kick awarded for Robbie O'Shea tripping Alan Niven.

But even this was made to count only after referee Reeves had the shot retaken for some obscure reason.

Ogden first contrived to shoot weakly at Mike Fraser, who gratefully scooped the ball up.

In fact, some of Reeves' unfathomable decisions provided just about the only moments of unexpected excitement in a match thoroughly dominated by Arok's men.

The strength of such performances, and even allowing for the occasional slip-ups, the Saints richly deserve their high rating.

The soccer they produce also happens to be attractive and on occasion very exciting to watch.

All in all, customers at St George Stadium get good value for their hard-earned dollars — and there can't be much higher recommendation than that.

Katholos and Raskopoulos go on the rampage

APIA 0
Olympic 3

Scorers: Katholos 3.
Ground: Lambert Park.
Crowd: 6,484.

Referee: Peter Rampley 8.

Yellow cards: Soper, Rog-

gowski.

APIA LEICHARDT: Parks 6, Carter 7, Skellern 7, Bradley 6, Pullen 6, McAusland 7, Jones 5, Wilson 6, Butler 6, Soper 6, De Caglio 8.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8, Coady 7, Rogers 6, Rowden 8, Ziras 8, Katholos 10, Raskopoulos 6, Kevin 8, Redfern 8, Koussas 6, Jennings 6.

Peter Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos played havoc with APIA at Lambert Park and three goals by Katholos subdued the festive mood of the predominantly Italian sup-

porters.

Katholos always was in the mood for goals. He netted three of the most memorable goals seen at Lambert Park.

His first came after a heat back pass by Mark Koussas. He steadied, took the ball to his right then lambasted the ball with such power from 25 metres out that Parks had no chance of catching despite a gallant dive.

Seven minutes later, in the

36th minute, 'Kath' was at it again. Peter Wilson's diving clearance from his own area found Katholos on the run towards the APIA area. This time he hit a scorcher with his left foot, which never gave Parks a chance despite the distance from 27 metres.

With APIA trying its best to get a consolation goal in the closing stages Katholos picked up his third and this time he combined with Raskopoulos, as if Leichhardt defence was there only to witness the move. Katholos played a neat 1-2, then faced Parks to slot the ball into the far corner of the net.

One must wonder what ever happened to this APIA defence of late. Olympic, obviously at its rampaging best, tore holes in APIA's backline, but what made matters worse was the fact that Katholos and Raskopoulos' playmakers, so well looked after by most other teams in the PSL were allowed much more freedom in this game and the penalty was paid.

Still, I wonder if the result would have been any different had APIA made sure of covering the two midfielders? Katholos was in tremendous form and apart from scoring three goals he might have

scored another two. He was sent through by Tom Gavin in the 52nd minute to face Parks, but the shot was well saved. In the 60th minute Katholos was through yet again, compliments of Gavin, but this time his shot shaved the far post.

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Brighter Brighton

Brighton continued its climb from the bottom of the Tasmanian State League (South) on Friday night when it defeated South Hobart 2-0. This result puts Brighton two points clear of South Hobart at the bottom.

State director of coaching Steve Darby played in goal for South Hobart and was unable to stop goals from Steve Brown and Ian Parker.

Croatia-Glenroy threw away the chance to replace its opponents, White Eagles, in the top four. Croatian led White Eagles 1-0 shortly after the break when Willy Coulson put Neil Thomas away with an excellent pass.

Thomas rounded the Eagles keeper to slot away the chance. And then, disaster struck. Burton scored an own goal, Smith punched away at thin

air instead of the ball and Croatia found itself 2-1 down.

Another goal from a free kick and one from a penalty saw White Eagles win comfortably by 4-1, the exact reversal of the result when the teams met in the first round.

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Todorovski, Yankos the stars

Heidelberg 0
Makedonia 0

Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: About 4000.

Referee: Cambridge 7.
-Cautions: Ollerton, Miranda (Mak), Tansay, McMillan (H'berg).

HEIDELBERG-ALAN-
DER: Ollerton 7 — Macmillan 7,
Yankos 9, Macleod 7, Tansay 7
— Belicic 7, Campbell 7,
Taylor 6, Valentine 6, Cole
7, Paton 7.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA:
Patterson 8 — Petrovski 7, Todorovski 8, Jones 8, Flavel 7,
Fox 7 — Ollerton 6 (inj. sub),
Miranda 6, half time), Ope-
sina 6 — Ward 7, Lucchesi 6,
Brown 7.



Laurie Schwab

George Todorovski played his best game for Makedonia since joining early this year from Vardar Skopje in Yugoslavia and Charlie Yankos maintained his stout form for Heidelberg in a match which was nerve-tightening and quite exhausting for the players, but unspringing for the spectators.

It was the second scoreless draw between these teams this year, but many of the Makedonia players were confident afterwards that they could beat Heidelberg in their Philips Cup match at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday).

Neither set of forwards was given good service as both teams concentrated mainly on keeping the other out.

In fact, it was left to the forwards to make their own chances, and on this occasion, Heidelberg came out on top.

Chris Cole, taking advantage of good lead-up play by Chris Belicic, had a shot deflected across goal by the head of Gordon Flavel, Don Macleod hit the bar with a header and a shot by Charlie Yankos was saved one-handed by Steve Patterson. The Makedonia goal-

keeper saved well again when he came out to smother Mike Valentine late in the match.

Makedonia had no scoring chances to speak of.

Cole was looking for his 80th league goal in this game but although he worked hard, it eluded him. He was relieved upon to do a lot of aerial work this time, in the absence of Theo Selemidis who was injured, and although he is not renowned for being good in the air, Cole did it well.

Makedonia had Con Ope-sina in midfield in place of Alan Whittle who is injured again, and brought in Richard Miranda at half time for Peter Ollerton who also had to go off injured.



Marconi's Ian Hunter (left) belts a shot past Bugsy Nyskohus. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Hamilton a new man, Boath carried off

Brisb. City 4
West Adel. 1

Scorers: BC: Bohan 20th,
Hamilton 52nd, Hermiston
(pen) 81st, Conner 88th; WA:
Honeyman 13th.

Venue: Spencer Park. Con-
ditions: Warm.

Referee: Doug Rennie 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Pezzano
7, Perry 8, Liddell 7, Hermis-
ton 8, Tokesi 7, McVeigh 6, Pim-
brell 7, Hamilton 8, Palinkas 7,
Bohan 6, Conner 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:
Crook 6, McGregor 6,
McGachery 7, Dunn 7, Totsikas
6, Summer 8, Santas 6 (A-
salas 72nd), Booth 7, Hays 7,
Honeyman 7, Manous 6.

Former Footscray JUST

player Joe Palinkas celebrated his return to the Brisbane City team by having a hand in three of his team's goals in a rousing 4-1 win over former top four side West Adelaide Hellas at Spencer Park.

Palinkas has found it difficult to command a regular spot in the struggling City team this season, something which at one time even had him considering a move back to Melbourne.

But in a tactical move City coach Nereo Saftich preferred Palinkas' speed up front to the height of youngster Steve Glockner and on the surface it appeared to pay off.

But to my mind it was still the same old Palinkas who squandered many of his breakthroughs and didn't move the ball on to anyone 50-50 with Hellas keeper Martyr Crook, so the real reason for City's reversal in form was the change in role for Bobby Hamilton.

Previously Hamilton's job was to overlap or carry the ball down the left as would a winger, a job which he often did successfully. But many times, once he was dispossessed, the wee Scotsman tended to walk back and neglected his midfield duties.

But with Palinkas on the flanks, both right and left as he switched throughout the game, Hamilton was instructed to play deeper. That gave City another player in the middle of the park and finally took some of the workload off stalwart Frank Pimblett, who at times had carried the side.

Hamilton had one of the best games I have seen from him as he was constantly involved and looked much more dangerous sniping in front of the goals, than he previously did when he tried to attack from the wing.

The back four of Steve



Ricky Rosso

His goal, City's second, came when he ran into the penalty box to pounce on a loose ball and blast it off the upright. Not only did he score but he also got into the centre of the box onto a Steve Perry header but muffed the shot. One minute later it was Hamilton who cleared off his own line after Graham Honeyman had nutmegged advancing Tony Pezzano. There have been few occasions this season when Hamilton has shown the concentration to stick to his task and chase back like that.

If Hamilton can maintain this form, teamed with Pimblett and John McVeigh, who is a better player than his inconsistent, and at times unlucky performance in this match indicated, it could be a midfield combination to steer City out of trouble.

The back four of Steve

Perry, Frank Liddell, Jim Hermiston and Peter Rokesi is a combination of brains, strength, height and speed and despite my earlier criticisms this season is getting away with only one orthodox full-back, although Sydney City tore them apart two weeks ago.

But generally they are tight at the back and with Bevan Bohan scoring regularly up front, City could sneak a few surprise results before the end of the season and may climb to safety which now is only three points away.

Hamilton in fact scored City's first and only goal. It was his fourth goal in as many matches. Palinkas chased a good chip down the right from Pimblett, after fine lead-up work from Hamilton, and crossed to the far post where unmarked Bohan headed into the roof of the net through a maze of heads and arms.

That goal negated the 13th minute lead Graham Honeyman had given the visitors when he blasted in a shot from close range after City had failed to clear a corner kick.

The scores and honours were even at half time but Hamilton's early second half goal was the beginning of the run of the tide in City's favor.

The surge may have been halted had Hays' 71st minute goal been allowed but he obviously handled before he shot. Then City swung back into attack and in fact scored one minute later but John McVeigh's attempt was ruled offside.

The pendulum really swung City's way in the 30th minute when New Zealand international Allan Boath was carried from the field with an ankle injury, three minutes after West Adelaide's had used their substitute Steve Atsalas to replace the disappointing Adrian Santarac.

Hellas soldiered on with 10 men but City had the taste of victory and three minutes later Palinkas curled in a beautiful shot from outside the box but to his dismay two attackers were in an offside position, although that had no bearing on Crook's inability to stop the shot.

Although the goal was disallowed, West Adelaide knew it was beaten and City pushed forward at will. It was somewhat lucky to get penalties in the 81st minute when McGachery tackled Conner who was receiving a pass from Palinkas who had broken down the left. Jim Hermiston was even more fortunate that Crook moved to his left and allowed the hard but dead straight shot to rocket into the net.

The final goal, two minutes from time, highlighted the ineffectiveness of the Hellas defence, which had looked good in the first half with Rob Dunn dominant in the air.

But on this occasion they may as well have been in the dressing room having an early shower for all the protection they afforded Crook and Willie Conner, after receiving a pass from Hermiston, dribbled past three defenders unchallenged to slot the ball into the net from close range.

At the other end of the ground, John Kosmina produced none of the form that has made him PSL top scorer and he won few friends on the day due to a terrible shirtfront which briefly floored the keeper and brought the two teams milling into the area for four minutes of confusion in which Joe Watson also hit the deck.

Referee Evan Venios, a last minute stand in for fogbound Tasmanian referee Jack Johnston, booked Kosmina for the incident before finally restoring calm and restarting the game.

And he was forced to again reach into his pocket for the yellow card soon after when Kyri Kyriakoulessis floored Patikas in an obvious square up for the earlier incident.

Patikas, who had been one of City's best players, must have been unable to run off the knock for he was replaced by Ken Boden with 17 minutes to go.

The match turned into a non-event from then on with Sydney City content to contain and Footscray J.U.S.T. lacking in ideas when going forward and always forced square.

The only one prepared to take men on was centreback Kondaros and the side could really do with a few more players with his commitment in what is shaping up as its fourth consecutive relegation battle.

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Albion Rovers 0 Croatia 1
(Brogan)

ALBION: Lacock 8 - Cutler 6, Creary 8, A. Murphy 5, Bond 5 - F. Murphy 7, S. McMillan 6, Smart 6. CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Parton 7, Antolovic 8, Donskoik 7 (Kokaska 60th), Gajic 6 - Faulkner 7, Murphy 8, Gojevic 7 - Adams 7, Brogan 7, Latif 6.

Newly appointed Croatia coach Mijo Kiss has a bad defensive blunder from Albion Rovers to thank for Croatia's 1-0 victory at Selwyn Park on Saturday.

Time and again Albion keeper Danny Lacock, playing against his former club, held Croatia at bay with a high minor. John Creary played Danny Brogan inside. The Croatia striker swooped on Sosie Latif's through ball and hammered it firmly past helpless Lacock from about six metres.

It was a tragedy for Creary and Albion. Creary had played a fine match on Croatia's kingpin Brogan and, in the first half at least, home side Albion created the clearer chances. Albion fought a stout rear-guard action for the last 25 minutes.

Lacock thwarted Brogan, Latif, Steve Gojevic, Ken Murphy and Jeff Faulkner before Brogan's crucial goal. The Albion keeper was aided by fellow defenders Gary Cutler and Bob Nesbit who cleared off the line in this period.

Strangely Croatia used Keith Adams on the right wing from the outset. Later, Adams dropped back into midfield but he never looked his usual bubbling self.

Sunshine shining again!

MORWELL FALCONS 0

SUNSHINE 1 (Bain)

FALCONS: Whiteside 6 - Smart 6, Higham 7, Irvine 8, Neale 8 - Muller 7, Parton 7, T. van Baar 5 (O'Connor 20th), Bond 5, Mitten 5, McClunie 6.

SUNSHINE: Massen 7 - Massel 8, Lewis 8, Gransberger 8, T. van Baar 7, Waterhouse (Inj. Ellis 70th), R. Nelson 8 - Mudroch 6 (McNally 60th), Pete B. Nelson 7.

Sunshine is back with a vengeance while Morwell Falcons continue to be the enigma of State League.

The Shiners continued their winning ways thanks to a Roger Bain goal in the 85th minute while Falcons have gone from riches to rags in the space of a week after knocking off Croatia in their previous game.

Sunshine was far too well drilled in defence. Frank Massel picked up Noel Mitten, Chris Taylor marked John Bain and Roy Gransberger took care of the rest. Sunshine's strikers were forced to come deep in search of the ball thanks to a fine closing down by Sunshine in midfield.

Mitten twice hit the post but from very acute angles and along with his striking cohorts never looked dangerous.

Sunshine struck its telling blow with five minutes remaining. John McNally had come on in the 60th minute to replace John Mudroch. McNally played the ball forward down the right, ran on and received Norrie Pete's cross. He then chipped it into the Falcons area. Big Steve Ellis contested well and set-up Bain who crashed the ball into the roof of goal from about four metres.

With a minute left McClunie broke through but lobbed over Dennis Massen and wide of the far post. Had he been on target the scoreline wouldn't have done justice to Sunshine.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

Ajax	13	0	3	38	9	26
Croatia	10	2	5	31	15	22
Polonia	8	2	5	30	22	18
H. Hayes	7	4	4	18	22	18
G. Hayes	7	3	5	26	23	17
M. Falcons	8	1	6	26	24	17
Juventus	7	2	6	25	20	16
Croydon	5	6	4	16	14	18
Winnis	5	5	5	20	20	15
Sunshine	4	5	6	19	21	13
A. Rovers	2	2	3	9	12	11
Frankston	1	4	9	9	31	6
Northcote	2	2	10	13	34	6

R'wood W. v Falcons	S'shine v Albion	Croatia v Frank.C.	North.C. v Juve	Ajax v H-Hak.	Doveton v G.Cress	Polonia v Croydon
TIM WHITE	R'wood W.	Draw	Croatia	Draw	Ajax	G.Cress
LAURIE SCHWAB	Falcons	S'shine	Croatia	Juve	Ajax	G.Cress
CRAIG MACKENZIE	Falcons	Draw	Croatia	Draw	Ajax	Doveton
BILL VOJTEK	R'wood W.	S'shine	Croatia	Juve	Ajax	G.Cress
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son), 2, Petrow; Keller 6 (Moorabbin), 2, Prazen

(Bentley), Kew 2 (Dandenong); Richland 1

(Temp), 2, Bent 1 (Moorabbin); Western

Sabre (Kyneton), Kyneton City 6.

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Div. 4: Coburg 4 (Coburg), Neale, Deneys

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